



City of Franklin Municipal Election Day, Tues, Oct. 28th, 2025

Poll Observation Report

The League of Women Voters of Williamson County (LWVWmCo) had five members volunteer as observers for the City of Franklin Municipal Election on Tues. Oct. 28, 2025. They observed at one of the following polling locations:

- Legacy Middle School
- Pearre Creek Elementary
- First Presbyterian Church
- Parish Presbyterian Church
- Cool Springs Conference Center

Each observer completed a survey focused on their observations. This report is based on their observations and comments.

Overall

The LWVWmCo commends the Williamson County Election Commission for another well-run election.

LWVWmCo observers reported short lines, with voters taking less than 4 minutes to cast their ballots. All observers noted that the flow at all the polling sites was excellent. They also stated that the number of voting machines and tabulators was adequate. They also observed that all locations were clean and well-organized. Additionally, they noted that the poll workers and officials at each location were professional and friendly. One observer specifically complimented the Legacy Elementary School location “for having someone posted at the front door to ensure the safety of kiddos and staff and to provide clarity for voters.”

ADA Compatibility Issues

There was an issue at the First Presbyterian Church location. The Poll Observer noted that the walk from the check-in area to the ballot machines was long for people with disabilities. During the two hours she observed, she witnessed two voters who struggled to get into the polling place and then to move between the areas. While the poll workers were extremely kind and patient, the observer thought the distance was far longer than necessary, as there were places to plug in the machines closer to the check-in without crowding the space. She recommended placing at least one voting booth closer to the check-in area, which would be highly beneficial for those with mobility issues or who need assistance.

Voting Entrance Signage

The required signage was visible at all of the polling locations.

The poll observer at the new location, the Parish Presbyterian Church, recommended that an additional, large white sign be placed on the road directing voters to the back of the property and to the building where the polling place was located. She noted that while there was a small sign with an arrow, it was easy to miss. The other signage at Clovercroft, and the sign closest to the actual polling building, was adequate.

Voter Registration and Other Issues

None of the observers reported issues with voters being turned away because they were not registered to vote, had address problems, or had name changes. Only one observer noted that a voter was turned away because they did not reside in a Ward included in this election. In this situation, the observer commented that the exchange between the voter and the election official was positive.

The LWV observer at the Parish Presbyterian Church location noted the following: Within 10 minutes of the poll opening, there was apparently concern that one of the tabulators might feed ballots unevenly (before any voter had used it), so two technicians arrived (with identification badges) and checked the machine. They said it was fine, ran a configuration tape and a zero-ballot tape, filled out an incident report for the Officer of Election, and left. The Officer of Election at the polling location gave me a brief overview of the situation so I would understand what transpired. The next voter used that machine without issue.

The quick response to the concern expressed by one of the poll workers is an excellent example of how efficiently and effectively the election was conducted.

League of Women Voters of Williamson County Recommendations

- Improve signage at the Parish Presbyterian Church site.
- At the First Presbyterian Church location, reduce the distance between the check-in desks and the voting machines, at least for voters with ADA and/or mobility issues.

Respectively Submitted,
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